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APPLICANT: Bernhard Sander et al.  
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EXAMINER: Ernesto Garcia GROUP: 3679

Mail Stop **AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner of Patents  
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**ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated March 29, 2005 the applicants respond as follows:

The species of Figs. 1 and 3a as listed in the Office Action are elected, however, it is questioned whether the combination of Figs. 1 and 3a is correct, since the specification indicates in Fig. 1 that "The contact means 4a has a plurality of spaced, axially directed pointform contact tips 6", note the last line on page 4 of the specification. In Fig. 3a the contact tip is annular while in Fig. 3b the contact tips 6 are spaced apart.

Further, in the specification at page 3, lines 8 and 9, "Linear is not limited to rectilinear but may be curvilinear or annular".

The applicants believe that the election should be the species of Figs. 1 and 3b and the claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8.

It is believed that claim 1 is generic and covers all of the species disclosed and claimed.

A favorable action on the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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